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Board Approves Plans For New Skills Center

Completion of First Unit Due Next February

Architects for the Southern California Regional Occupational Center were instructed Monday to complete final plans for the first unit of the new center.

Completion of the first unit is expected in February, when classes are due to begin. Cost of the building is estimated at slightly more than \$500,000.

The architectural firm of Donley, Bundy and Associates of Los Angeles is designing the center's first unit. The firm was told Monday to complete working drawings and specifications for the facility as soon as possible.



TRADING BADGES . . . Torrance Police Chief Walter E. Koenig (left) offers newly promoted police sergeants (from left) Robert Such, James Weyant, Fred Goudy, and Roy Beaver their new badges. The promotions were announced Monday afternoon during a briefing session. The four represent the largest group to be promoted to the rank of sergeant at one time in the history of the force. (Press-Herald Photo)

ONCE THE plans have been approved by the State Division of Architecture, bids will be called.

The center, to be built on a 10-acre parcel of land obtained from the U. S. Navy, is located near Crenshaw and Sepulveda boulevards. It will serve students in 16 high schools stretching from the El Segundo-Inglewood area south to the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The initial building will provide both administrative offices and classroom-laboratory facilities for the center's program. To be constructed of prefabricated steel, it will

AT PRESENT, the program is at a standstill due to vacations of the inspectors but it is expected to renew activity Aug. 9.

One of his big efforts, McKinnon said, is to use good public relations so that persons in the area will be familiar with the project. In this effort, he said, his men have done an effective job.

Torrance councilmen will convene at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow for a brief session. The council did not meet Tuesday. Mayor Albert Isen, in scheduling the Thursday session, asked that only "non-controversial" items be placed on the agenda.

Rebecca Norris was taken to Gardena Medical Center by ambulance after an auto driven by William Carmody, 34, 1866 W. 178th St., struck and threw her some 15 feet into the air. She was treated for cuts, bruises and a head injury but was reported recovering at home this week.

Carmody reported he tried to stop his vehicle but that the child darted into his path. He was reportedly traveling at 20 miles per hour. He was not held by Torrance police.

Two pistol wielding robbers had considerably more fire power after they looted Larsen's Range of 10 rifles and approximately 6,700 rounds of ammunition after tying up two employees Sunday night.

Total value in cash and merchandise has been estimated at \$1,125 and includes \$244 in receipts and \$54 taken off the two employees.

Victim Steve Raifaisen told police he was counting the day's receipts when two Negroes walked in and held him and Glenn Mitchell at gun point.

THE BANDITS tied both men with rope and dragged both into a storeroom after taking their wallets, Raifaisen said.

The office, at 20441 Earl St., was then looted of seven 22-caliber rifles, one 30.06 rifle, and two shotguns along with several thousands of rounds for each type weapon.

ALTHOUGH tied in the storeroom, the employees said they heard the men make three trips hauling their loot from the office before fleeing.

Owner Yvan Larson said he had seen two men resembling the robbers earlier in the day at the range when they shot several rounds from revolvers for practice.

WELCOME ABOARD . . . Earl Nelson, chairman of booths and concessions for the Ranchero Days carnival, helps Donna Sturt of the Torrance Welcome Wagon as she signs up to operate a booth. Welcome Wagon is one of several community organizations which will sponsor booths at the five-day carnival, to be held Aug. 9 through 13 at the Del Amo Center. The celebration is sponsored by the Torrance Jaycees.

IN A SECOND incident, Officer Seibert notified immigration authorities after he had observed a pickup truck drop off several Mexican nationals at a Torrance car wash. Two men were picked up a short time later by police.

Arrested for illegal entry were Candelario Mariscal, of Tijuana, Mexico, and Escebio Castillo, of Mexicali, Mexico, who were being harbored by a Redondo Beach man who drove the men to work each day.

According to Immigration officials, arrests of this number and kind are not uncommon when agents concentrate on an area for suspects.

Four Officers Promoted In Surprise Ceremonies

Four Torrance Police officers were promoted to sergeant Monday during a ceremony conducted by Police Chief Walter R. Koenig. Promoted were Roy F. Beaver, Ted G. Goudy, James M. Weyant, and Robert E. Such.

This was the first time promotions have been offered to four men for the same rank at once due to the increasing size of the department.

Sergeant Beaver has been with the department since 1961 and has served as instructor for the motorcycle training school and in the detective division and planning a patrol officer.

The second candidate, Sergeant Goudy also has been with the force since 1961. He has worked in patrol, traffic and juvenile divisions.

Since 1962, Sergeant Weyant has served with the force in areas of patrol, vice and intelligence, planning and research and detective division.

Newly appointed Sergeant Such received a commendation recently from the Executive Staff of the department for heroism in saving the life of Officer Lee Graber in February. He has also become a nominee for the Outstanding Police Award presented by Parade Magazine. The sergeant joined the force in 1967 and has worked in the detective division on burglary and auto theft.

Television, Watch Taken . . . Thieves made two daring daylight burglaries of apartments in Torrance Tuesday, fleeing with more than \$1,200. A color television worth \$670 was the largest item taken in a burglary at 1846 Torrance Blvd. Howard Kennedy, 48, reported he was missing coins, jewelry, and the television when he returned home Tuesday evening. A neighbor said she saw two men take the television about noon but was not suspicious because it was always being repaired. The second burglary netted \$590 in jewelry, including a diamond watch worth \$500, from Judi Johnson, 20, 18216 Kingsdale Ave.

Traffic Victim Dies . . . Eighty-year-old William Allen Mobley, who was struck by a truck last Wednesday afternoon while riding his bicycle, died Sunday of injuries sustained in the crash. Young Mobley and a sister were injured near their home, 17913 Florwood Ave., when they were hit by a truck driven by Albert Phenice, 27, of 3706 W. 181st St., as they went into the street. Phenice was not held. The youth is the sixth person to die in traffic this year in Torrance.

Coast Guard Ends Search . . . A search for three fishermen presumed lost at sea has been abandoned by the U. S. Coast Guard. One of the three men, Vincent Cellanese, is from Torrance, Coast Guard officials said. The search was begun last Tuesday off the coast of Baja California. Six men rescued from San Benedicto Island last Thursday, said the three left them on the island while they took their vessel, the Sea Bay, to Magdalena Bay for refueling.



FOR WATER SHOW . . . Members of the Torrance Recreation Department art staff are pictured as they continue work on props for the city's annual aquacade, to be staged Aug. 12, 13, and 14 at the city plunge. Working on sets for "That Happy Feeling" are (from left) Terry O'Donnell, Sindi Vico, and Riley Gay. Admission to the event is free and a carnival is planned for the first two performances. (Press-Herald Photo)

Inspection Teams Enter Most Homes

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The door-to-door building inspection program of homes in the North Torrance area has progressed to 60 to 70 per cent completion of the initial inspection area, according to John McKinnon, superintendent of building and safety.

Homeowners in the area of inspection, bounded on the north by Artesia Boulevard and by Redondo Beach Boulevard on the south between Prairie Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard, have been approached by two Torrance inspectors since the beginning of the program in January.

McKinnon said he thought there had been significant progress in inspecting the homes for building violations with the owners' consent. His department, however, can not enter a home without the owner's consent to inspect.

ABOUT 60 per cent of those occupants or owners approached have submitted to inspection, he said.

And, he continued, violators of the building code have complied with the department's recommendation. Under law, homeowners are supposed to comply with code or at least start compliance within 30 days of inspection, he commented.

HOWEVER, his department has offered extended periods in some cases for owners to begin correction, McKinnon stated.

In about 10 years, the entire city should be inspected through regular inspections

Six Held on Charge of Illegal Entry in U.S.

Immigration officers rounded up a total of 14 Mexican nationals over the weekend in three separate groups of arrests in the South Bay area.

In Torrance, six Mexicans were turned over to the Immigration Service by police in two incidents, one involving a car wash and another after police stopped a traffic violator.

Torrance Officer David Seibert was responsible for both groups of arrest in Torrance while on patrol.

THE OFFICER stopped an auto on Carson Street near Madrona Avenue Sunday on a traffic violation but found that four passengers could not produce identification nor could they speak English.

Gabriel and Jose Gonzales, both of 4743 W. 154th St., Lawndale, and Eugenio Andrade and Noerirez Sacramento, both of 2040 New Hampshire, were jailed and transferred to Immigration custody on a charge of entering the U. S. illegally from Mexico.

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Magic Show Set
Larry Parsons will present a magic show at the Isabel Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. There is no admission charge for the show.



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